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When luckless Raymond Jardine becomes Sean Delancey's eleventh-grade-English project partner, he persuades Sean's grandfather to pose as a long-deceased, obscure Canadian poet, in an effort to pass the course and win a vacation to a luxurious Greek island.

## A Semester in the Life of a Garbage Bag Details

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## Rachit Gupta says

I really liked the book! Awesome plot!

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## Rebecca McNutt says

This is one of those books with genuinely funny humor, creative and likable characters, a brilliant plot, and it never lets up on any of it. *A Semester in the Life of a Garbage Bag* is a great story and still timeless even today.

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## Cyndi says

This book was so much fun!! The all-around popular boy in high school gets put together with the self acclaimed unluckiest boy ever. Hilarity ensues!

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## Nick says

Another great book by Gordon Korman from the late 80s early 90s. I learned so many things from this book - talking about myself in the first person, writing poetry under pressure, the joy of watching the weather channel. Many a night I spent watching stormfronts with Dana Levenson on the Weather Network. I truly think that my comfort in writing my wife little love poems is a direct result of Gavin Gunhold's method of poetry writing - take a random work from an encyclopedia and run with it. I cannot recommend this book highly enough.

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## Daniel Summerstay says

I thought it was good. I especially liked the cutting edge poetry. It was a lot like Korman's other book *the son of Interflux*

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## Gina says

There's a kind of sameness to all of Korman's buddy books, but between the poetry of Gavin Gunhold and introducing me to the word "arse" sometime in the early 90s, I have a real soft spot for this one.

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## **Jess says**

I read this multiple times when I was a teenager and every time it made me laugh out loud so hard that my mother got annoyed (some of us have housework to do and can't sit around reading funny books all day!). I have since realized, as a mother and head-kitchen-cleaner type of person myself, that housework is a lot more bearable if you make time to read in between(or occasionally instead of) vacuuming and wiping down the counters.

I only vaguely remember that this book involves some sort of madcap adventure between various high school social outcasts and yet I can still heartily recommend it. The fact that it's out of print is a reflection of everything that's wrong with our society. Go find a library that still stocks it or find a used copy online. You won't be sorry.

If you're able to read this entire book while drinking milk without snorting it out of your nose at least once (the milk, not the book), I will give you a medal.

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## **Stephanie says**

Still great. (Reread January 2017.)

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## **J says**

A SEMESTER IN THE LIFE OF A GARBAGE BAG  
- BY GORDON KORMAN

Jardine and Delancey are on a mission.

Get to Theamelpos by any means possible.

This may include, but is by no means limited to:

- > kissing up to their Principal
- > tolerating their stuck-up student president
- > Forging poetry for their English project
- > Starting the only hockey team in the state
- > keeping that one cute girl away from the school muscle-head
- > not necessarily in that order

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**Carey says**

When will Gavin Gunhold finally get the literary recognition he deserves?

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**Michelle says**

A high school favorite.. silly and out of print. I no longer feel bad about not returning it to the WCHS library.

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**Diane says**

I love these characters - the way Raymond speaks of himself in the third person: "Jardine wants ..."; Sean becoming less of a jock hero and more of a free thinker. The poetry they write under the guise of Gavin Gunhold is hysterical.

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**Jordan Halsey says**

This was another book that profoundly influenced me. After I read this, I stopped wanting to be Rudy Miller, and started trying to be Raymond Jardine. The book is about Sean Delancey, at least nominally, and how his new partner for the big semester project in English is ruining his life. That would be Raymond Jardine, who always refers to himself in the third person as "Jardine".

Jardine is the unluckiest person in the world, but he has a plan to change that. He needs to stand out from the rest of the school, so he'll be chosen for the school system's summer trip to the Greek island of Theamelpos. Maximum of 6 chosen per school. So, between september, when the english project is assigned, and the end of the semester, when they make the selections, he needs to become one of the top six students in the school.

The centerpiece of this plan is the aforesaid english project, which must be "absolutely top-notch" to rescue Jardine's otherwise awful english grades. The project is a semester-long poetry analysis paper. Each pair chooses a poet and runs with him or her. Jardine insists on choosing a complete unknown to impress the teacher. Unfortunately, their poet turns out to be unknown because he died fifty years ago, after writing only one poem. Their solution to this problem is... well ethically problematic.

I've never understood why this hasn't been made into a movie yet. It's everyone's classic high school problem. How do I keep my english partner from flunking me off the basketball team with his schemes to get to Greece? Read this book, you won't just be reading Sean and Raymond's story, you'll be reading your own story as well.

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**Sarah Thornton says**

I lived the poetry and the fizzled out romance that disipates for friendship between the two fellows. Comedic timing at it's best, with an awesome grandfather. One of my favourite Kornan's

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## **Alissa says**

What **I** want is a Where Are They Now-type cast reunion of this book. I can only guess:

Raymond: After his visit to Theamalops, his luck did, indeed, change for the better. During the last years of the 20th Century, he made his first billion in the dot.com industry...and then promptly lost the majority of it when said industry collapsed. But not all was lost. He is now a YouTube Sensation, capitalizing on "goof"/"epic fail" videos. He is more commonly known as "The Don't Try This At Home Guy." He is currently filming his first movie based on said YouTube series. Critics expect it to be the Blockbuster Hit of the Summer, and talks of a sequel are already in the works. He and wife Helga, a model whom he met in Theamalpos, are expecting their first child (whom they plan to name Gavin).

Sean: "Peaked" in high school, after which he went on to have an unremarkable college career in general business. He is now single and working middle management somewhere in Jersey. Most nights, he can be found downing Buds at his favorite Blue Collar Bar, spouting stories about his glory days to anyone who will listen (usually this is just Tony the bartender).

Gramps: After the whole SAGGEN Incident, he received no fewer than 5 six-figure publishing deals, 3 for Really Bad Poetry and 2 for his life story. He used the money from said deals to purchase his old block. Following his passing in 1999, his former building was turned into a monument dedicated to this late, great artist/performer. Unconfirmed rumor has it Robert De Niro is in talks to play him in an upcoming movie based on his life.

Howard: He is currently employed in the field of Renewable Energy, working hard every day to build a YOU better Windmill. I love me a good irony...don't you?

Cementhead: Went on to play professional Ice Hocky and became famous for "being able to take a hit better than Rocky Balboa." After five successful seasons, four of which he led his team to victory, he sustained a career-ending injury, forcing an early retirement. He, his wife, Ashley, and son Cementhead Jr., are now living in Hawaii, where there is no ice to speak of.

Danny: Where else? He's in politics. And a failure at it to boot. And he is as slimy as ever. He has been in and out of AA and is currently struggling not to take that 13th step back to the beginning.

Mindy: After a very messy divorce from ex-husband, Danny, she got into politics herself. Rumor has it she is on the fast-track to becoming the first female president (news which sent her ex to fall back off the wagon). She currently resides in Washington D.C. with her life partner, Meredith, and their dogs, Buffy and Angel.

Gavin Gunhold Is still dead. But following the events of the story, a Moose Head monument was erected at the sight of his untimely demise. It has become the site of yearly pilgrimages for Bad Poets everywhere.

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